



MAMA WILLETT . . . Hours and days of volunteer work in making Operation Nepal a success were rewarded Monday for Mrs. Otto B. Willett. Here, Mrs. Willett is shown thanking members of the Educational Council of Torrance for presenting her with an honorary perma plaque. Mrs. Willett shared her recognition by crediting other community volunteers as well as the students of South High, who still call her "Mama Willett." The three-day carnival, put on by the student body, raised thousands of dollars for an under-equipped school in Nepal.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Victor School Hosts Torrance Principals

How does a school react when it is suddenly thrust into a fishbowl?

Victor Elementary School, 4820 Spencer St., had an opportunity to find out recently when the Torrance Unified School District's 40 principals and top brass decided to tour the school en masse.

The administrators, who usually hold their weekly administrator's meetings in the district central offices, decided to meet in the field last week in order to broaden their perspective by first-hand experience.

ACCORDING to Victor's principal, Martin Beaudet, faculty members found the attention flattering.

Learning just 24 hours earlier that they were to be under observation, the teachers chose to carry on "business as usual," conducting the lessons they had previously planned and paying as little attention as possible to the droves of visitors that wandered in and out of their rooms.

Not only did visiting principals pick up pointers to pass along to their own teachers, Beaudet said, but they had a

Mike Roy Honored By Chefs

Chef Mike Roy, the cooking expert for KNX Radio, was installed as an honorary chef member of the Chefs de Cuisine Association of California. A gold membership card was presented to Roy by Thomas J. Holton at a dinner at the Hyatt House Hotel International, city of commerce.

In 45 years the association has conferred three gold membership cards.

"The membership was conferred upon Roy to honor him for all his past, present, and future public relations for the chefs in the Southland," Holton said.

Roy is known to help all the worthy restaurateurs in California, and many chefs supply him with their own favorite recipes. He, in turn, exposes these recipes over the air to thousands of listeners. "Roy's work with the food processing and manufacturing industry is beyond compare," Holton added.

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Scouts Honored At Dinner

Awards were presented when Cub Scout Pack 785C, sponsored by St. Catherine Labourer Church, held its Blue and Gold Dinner.

Webelos receiving awards were Mike Ingles, Paul Reis, Robert Appell, Ralph Engelman, Vincent Price, Joseph Ondell, Nicholas Marino, Dennis Roberts, and Eddie Rhoads.

Cubs honored from Den No. 1 were Jeff Kraus, Wolf Badge; Randy Roberts, Assistant Denner, Recruiter Stripe, Silver Arrow, and Wolf rank; Larry Kuhn, Recruiter Stripe; Tim Gerlits, Denner.

Those from Den No. 3 were Steve Higgins, Assistant Denner, and Paul Pudewa, Denner; from Den No. 4, Mark Lackyard, Denner; Ray Curtin, Bear Badge; and Tom Ittner, Silver Arrow and Wolf rank; and from Den No. 7, Ramon Gonzalez Jr., nine Silver Arrows, Wolf rank; Jake Koonz, Bobcat pin; and Kevin Plummer, Bobcat pin.

Pocketed Guns Aid Robbers

Two Torrance service stations were held up this week end by men claiming to have guns in their pockets.

The first holdup occurred late Saturday night at the Gulf Service Station, 18605 Hawthorne Blvd. Station attendant Ed Krause told police a dark-complected man in a brown corduroy suit ordered him to place the cash in a white paper bag. The suspect got away with \$127 after warning Krause that he had a gun in his right pants pocket.

U-Savon-Gas Station, 16300 Crenshaw Blvd., was robbed the following morning at 5:15 a.m. when a young Negro man in a gray suit collected \$50 cash from attendant Bill G. Morris, 18. In this case, the suspect put his hand in his right coat pocket, claiming to have a gun.

Following the tour, visiting administrators and principals met in the cafeteria to exchange ideas.

What they had seen spring-boarded discussion on a variety of topics ranging from scheduling of faculty meetings to the advantages of having an afternoon kindergarten teacher available to help morning kindergarteners who needed help in reading preparation.

AMONG TOPICS discussed were: room environment, relationship of supplies and equipment to the academic program; and procedure for departmentalization.

What was the reaction of teachers to being in a fishbowl, so to speak? As one enthusiastic young lady summed it up, "I thought it was a real lift. How else could you feel when the whole world came into your room?"

Teens Plan Band Battle, Dance Party

Eight teenage rock 'n' roll groups will be featured April 10, when the Lomita Recreation Center hosts its "Battle of the Bands." Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and come to a close at 10:30 p.m.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be popular KHJ disc jockey Charlie Tuna.

Admission is 50 cents for Youth Activity Canteen card holders and \$1 for others.

People . . . On the Move

(Promotions, Assignments, Affiliations)

Dr. George E. Solomon, vice president and director of Systems Laboratories, TRW Systems of TRW Inc., Redondo Beach, has been appointed a member of the Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board of the National Academy of Engineering. Board members serve as advisors to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on national and international space policies and programs.

Robert W. Gaff, editor of "Portrait," quarterly magazine published by General Telephone Co., has been named "Editor of the Year" by the Southern California Industrial Editors Association.

Election of Alan L. Stein, a partner in the investment firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co., to the Board of Directors of the Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance has been announced by George S. Wing, president and chairman of the board.

Sheriff Lt. Luther N. Laner, assigned to the Lennox Sheriff's Station, has been promoted to captain. He will remain at the Lennox station.

Hugh L. Warriner, manager of the Pacific-Fruitland branch of the Bank of America, is observing his 40th anniversary with the bank. Warriner and

his wife, Frances, live at 22613-A Nadine Circle. They are parents of two grown children.

Promotion of Jess R. Mitchell of Redondo Beach to assistant cashier-lending officer at the Bank of America's Wilshire-Sweetzer branch has been announced.

T. C. Springfield of the Van Camp Insurance Agency has announced the association of Cmdr. H. Thomas Adams, USN (Ret.) with the firm.

Appointment of Richard Hansen, 3344 Redondo Beach Blvd., as sales representative of Allstate Insurance Co. has been announced. He will be assigned to the firm's office at 8836 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles.

Dr. John E. Chase, president of the South Bay Optometric Society, attended the 69th annual Congress of California Optometric Association in San Diego last week.

Torrance Playgrounds Schedule Easter Fun

Join the Easter Parade, make an Easter Bonnet, color a fancy egg, or find them all on an Easter Egg Hunt when the City of Torrance Recreation Department adopts its vacation schedule Monday, April 8, through Saturday, April 13.

Among these special activities will be a field trip to Disneyland, Wednesday, April 10. Cost of the trip is \$5.

Thursday, April 11, Torrance Park, 2001 Sahta Fe.

Drowning

(Continued from Page A-1) mother was holding the young woman at one edge of the pool when they arrived. Efforts by a Torrance Fire Department rescue squad to retrieve the girl failed.

Mrs. Finlay told police she saw the girl about 5:30 p.m. and then discovered her floating in the pool at 5:50 p.m. The girl, who reportedly had the mentality of a 4-year-old, did not know how to swim.

Police said the girl apparently dropped a portable stereo into the pool and then jumped into the water in an attempt to retrieve the stereo.

will host the annual City-Wide Hat Parade for girls at 11 a.m. All girls are requested to bring a sack lunch.

Yo-Yo contestants will be competing during vacation week in hopes of qualifying for the City-Wide Yo-Yo Contest. This contest will be held in the rear parking lot of the Torrance City Hall Saturday, April 20, at 1 p.m.

All Torrance parks will be supervised during vacation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Playgrounds will conduct programs Monday through Friday.

McMaster and Walteria parks will be supervised from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. El Nido Park will be supervised on Saturdays only.

Special cartoon movies will be shown at many parks and playgrounds throughout Torrance.

Thieves Take \$1,140 in Goods

Theft of \$1,140 in goods from the home of Thomas J. Pendergrass Jr., 19318 Sturges Ave., was reported to Torrance police Tuesday.

Erny Ellis To Give Up Club Gavel

Evelle J. Younger, Los Angeles County district attorney, is among speakers slated to address the two-day conference of District 528, Rotary International, scheduled for April 10 and 11 at the Airport Marina Hotel, Westchester.

Outgoing District Governor P. L. (Erny) Ellis of Torrance will hand over his gavel to A. Ronald Button of Hollywood.

A Palos Verdes Peninsula man, Dr. Paul F. Peppard, will conduct one of several panel sessions, discussing Rotary Foundation.

Buffet breakfasts will be held each morning, with the Rev. Joel Rivers of Lomita speaking on April 10.

Silent Auction

A silent auction will highlight Monday's meeting of the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society. Members will gather at 7:30 p.m. at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach.

Visitors are welcome to come and view color slides taken on club field trips.

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